

—Rev. R. R. Little, will preach at Marlinton, Tuesday night December, 11th.

—November of 1894 averaged two degrees warmer in temperature than the same month of 1893.

—J. C. Louk, of Mingo, has killed the largest deer yet heard from. It was a buck which weighed 188 lbs, net.

—At a recent meeting of the debating society, even the lamps went out after the honorable member had held the floor a few minutes.

—A modest, unassuming book-keeper named Seely, in New York, stole \$354,000 while employed in a bank. He exhausted the whole surplus of the bank.

—There has been a good deal of talk about starting a Masonic Lodge at this place. There is only one in the county at present, and that is at Huntersville.

—Sam'l B. Scott, Jr., is the present head of the Huntersville *Herald*. The paper has adopted the Democratic party as its own, so it does seem that the party should not feel its late reverses so keenly.

—Pickens is a good market for the whole country side and all country products bring splendid prices. Oats sold there for a good while at 70 cts., and are now bringing 60 cts. Marlinton is a good market also. Any thing that can be eaten finds a ready sale here.

—The physicians who waited upon the wounded coal miners at Montgomery last winter, are being killed off. Dr. Aultz was foully murdered in Fayette, last week, after the same manner as his colleague, Dr. Davis.

—The government has made a change in the style of mail-bags carried on the country routes. Canvas bags take the place of the leather bags, which were manufactured at a cost of about \$13. The new ones are equally as servicable, and are cheaper. They are also much nearer waterproof.

—The drummer is hardly ever barred out of a way around. Of course everyone has been asked what he thought of the election. This particular drummer says that this was a Republican election and he not being interested in it, proposes to wait until the Democrats hold one, which he thinks will be done in the near future.

—An endeavor was made to raise a contest over the election of Prosecuting Attorney in Monroe. Papers were submitted to Judge Campbell by the Republican candidate to obtain a decree re-opening the canvass, which was refused. The leaders of both parties in the county denounce the attempt. Osborne, the unlucky, managed the affair for the defeated candidate.

—The weather has been very fine for a year now, in this part of the world. The past autumn has been most enjoyable. Most of the local information received, bid us look out for a severe winter. To tell the truth, it is much easier to live through a winter which freezes up hard and fast than it is one which is all mud and dirt. Still we must have some rain before the winter closes down upon us. We need a good freshet to cleanse the country, or we will have sickness. The winds of last week were terrific.

—There never was such a year for getting married as this is proving to be. The hope of the land are still keeping it up with unabated vigor, and if it lasts much longer there will not be young people left for social purposes. It is a sure sign of hard times. The loafers at the court-house have a regular lot of sport when the modest bridegroom comes for the 'papers.' If he and his backer come in and sit down by the stove, he is apt to catch it. Some one will remark that it is a "wonder nobody has been in to get a marriage license to-day." Then some one else speaks up "I wish somebody would come for 'em, wouldn't we give him a round." "Squire," to the Clerk, "you'll have to treat the crowd if you get an extra dollar to-day." The accomplished body keeps it up until the prospective married man wishes he hadn't come. He finally asks for the license, and goes away contented.

—Everybody here knows of the bright colored "Mackinaws" and other clothing of the woodsmen. Those who have thought about it at all probably supposed it was worn by them as a matter of taste, and for no especial purpose. A writer in a well known magazine explains that these highly colored garments are worn by the lumberman because they make him more noticeable, and while working in a gang he is less apt to meet with accident through some companion having failed to notice him. In other words, if you have on a red shirt you are less apt to have a log rolled over you by a mate.

—We have an intelligent Jew peddler, known to everyone, who, it is said, has been nearly connected with the Nihilists of Russia. He is a man of high education, and shows remarkable mental power, and is one of the best read men of the countryside. On his last visit he was struggling with the word "auspices," declaring that he had been given a half-dozen different definitions. He agrees with all that the English language is terribly hard to master.

—We will call it "fireside law" which in Dickens makes Mr. Bumble reason on "the law supposes that your wife acts under your direction." "If the law supposes that," said Mr. Bumble, squeezing his hat emphatically in both hands, "the law is a ass—a idiot. If that's the eye of the law, the law is a bachelor; and the worst I wish the law is that his eye may be opened by experience—by experience."

—A white deer was killed in Bath County last week.

Personal.

Mr. W. A. Bratton is at home again, after a business trip of three weeks in Virginia.

Mr. N. C. McNeil has returned from Charleston.

C. Z. Hevner, Esq., has moved into East Marlinton.

Rev. C. M. Sarver and wife are in Marlinton. Revs. Sarver and Sharp are conducting a protracted meeting here.

Thomas Rreketts, Esq., an English gentleman, has taken up his abode in Marlinton.

A. M. McLaughlin, Esq., of Lewisburg, is in Pocohontas, for a week's stay.

J. C. Price, of Clover Creek, came in to market last week, for winter supplies.

Notice the new ads. of our merchant princes, S. W. Holt and P. Golden.

Miss Eliza Kee, after spending the month of November at home, as her vacation, returned to work at Washington.

Capt. C. B. Swecker has had a hard pull with the typhoid fever, but is now convalescent.

The latest news received is that Newton Crouch, of Huttonsville, is dangerously ill with typhoid fever.

Prof. A. M. Byrd, is getting along finely as a medical student at the University of Virginia.

Thanksgiving Day.

While the Thanksgiving services were not largely attended, still the attendance was encouraging and gives promise of better things. In many places where the observance is respected, it is regarded as the great event of the year in social and religious circles.

Fervent prayers were offered by Messrs. Vandervoort and S. W. Holt, and while the exercises were led by Rev. W. T. Price, most of the time for remarks pertinent to the occasion was occupied by Rev. George P. Moore. His address was well received and added much to the profitable enjoyment of the services. It speaks well for the patriotism and high intelligence of a community to give this day special attention.

In the evening the Christian Endeavor Society met and considered the appropriate topic, Thanksgiving and Thanks living, suggested by Ephesians 5: 15-20, Giving thanks always.

The 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ham Collins, of near Huttonsville, was burned to death a few days ago, by her clothing catching fire at an open grate.—*Randolph Enterprise*.

—TIMES OFFICE for job work.

Thanksgiving day was not to pass at Marlinton without an exhibition of football. The Honorable Secretary of the English team at Mingo, writes as though it is doubtful that they can play Marlinton before the end of the winter. The team here feels confident that the defeat of last year can be wiped out if we can get them on the field again.

On last Thursday the match was arranged between players from the West side of the Greenbrier lined up against the players of the East side, and it proved to be a good game as neither side was able to score.

The players.

East Side.	Position.	West Side
J H G Wilson,	Forward	A Price
P. Simmons,	r. w.	N. Price.
B. King,	r. w.	H. Walton,
F. Anderson,	l. w.	W. Johnson,
W. Siple,	l. w.	G. Roake.
P. Yeager,	Half Backs,	H Maupin,
J. Smith,		J. W. Beard,
H. Bird,		John Moore.
M. Carter,	Full Backs,	C. Beard,
W. McLaughlin,		A. Moore.
W. Courtney,	Goal.	A. Gay.
Prof. J. E. Wamsley,	Referee.	

The eleven of the West Side was made up of strong players of the Marlinton, Academy, and Jericho teams, and met the Marlinton men. A livelier game was never played on the athletic grounds at this place, and the way the men rushed together, head, shoulder, hip, and thigh, made the participants in the wild shindy sore for days. A goodly crowd of spectators watched the game, though the day was too chilly to be pleasant. No casualties occurred, with the exception of Mr. Jim Smith who was bleeding profusely. It was a hard fought battle, and those engaged know what it is to feel the rare exhilaration felt by those who pass through stirring scenes of action. The player feels as though this game is only second to a cavalry charge or a lovely Irish free fight.

Kipling's poem comes in this connection:
 "There was a row in Silver Street—an' I was in it too;
 We passed the time o' day, an' then the belts went whirrarur!
 For when they grew impertinant, we simultaneous rose,
 Til half o' them was lifey mud an' half was tattered clo'es;
 I misremember what occurred, but subsequent the storm
 A Freeman's Journal Supplement was all my uniform."

For it was 'Belts, belts, belts, an' that's one for you!
 An' it was 'Belts, belts, belts, an' that's done for you!
 O buckle an' tongue
 Was the song that we sang
 From Harrison's down to the Park!"

Buckeye.

Autumn is gliding swiftly by, and winter's chilling storms will soon be here.

The threshing machine can now be heard on the mountain from hill top to valley as it gathers in the golden sheaves of wheat.

Though the people are late threshing, around the mountain, they can always eat wheat bread and raise their wheat, without fertilizer too.

Mr. Jim Sheets has recently killed four deer and eleven wild turkeys and expects to kill a number of them yet. There have been quite a number of turkeys killed in the mountains this year. Mr. John Buckley has been trying his luck on some wild turkeys. He killed two one day last week.

There is a good yield of corn this year considering the drought. Some of the farmers have finished husking, but there is a quantity of corn yet in the fields not husked.

Two of the schools in this vicinity closed last week. The terms of school are too short in this county, and we would be glad if our delegates to the State legislature would cause the State school tax to raise so as to enable us to have six month schools, and keep in line with our sister counties, that have six and eight month schools. But says some one, "the people won't send their children to all the four month schools." The ones that will send to the four, will send to six months, and the people in many parts of this county are making great efforts to educate their children; and why not educate them at home!

Diphtheria is still prevalent. KINDERGATEN.

Elk.

MR. EDITOR:—We are having all sorts of weather over here on the north side of the holy land, wet, dry, cold, and warm.

Stock is all sold and brought a reasonable price.

Quite a collection of dehorners on Elk last week, Pritt, McClure, and Moore. They dehorned everything from Split Rock to the top of Elk Mountain, making about three hundred head in all.

A great many deer and turkeys have been killed this fall, the hunters and dogs are as thick as fleas in August.

Luther Sharp is agent to buy all the fur in this county. He says the Republicans have control now and they will make the fur fly.

John Sydenstricker is having a hard time with his young Jacks, but hopes he will come out victor. Hold them down, Jonny!

I think our quiet neighborhood will be interrupted by a wedding soon, and then our mail-boy will have a helmet to console him on his journey. So mote it be.

Wonder what the weak-kneed, sore-headed Democrats who voted the Republican ticket or stayed at home, and by so doing put a party into power who will try to pass the Force Bill, or some other more hellish in its designs to deprive all Democrats from voting or disqualify them from holding office. Such was the case for some time after the close of the war, they had to swallow an ironclad oath so big that it would, etc. As Caesar said when he crossed the Rubicon "Let the die be cast."

The sick are improving, with the exception of Andy Hannah, who is dangerously ill yet.

Another new issue on Elk; a Mr. Loan from Bath. We would like to loan him again.

The protracted meeting just closed was not a success. No conversions.

Miss Allie McLaughlin has closed her first term of school on Snorting Creek, and is now teaching her second school on Dry Creek.

Mr. Sam Varner has not yet returned from Charleston, where he was summoned as a juror.

Mr. Hugh Sharp has killed five deer and one bear. Good for Hugh.

Mr. George L. Hannah has a large stock of goods, at present, and is selling very cheap.

What has become of "Iron-sides?" I suppose his bellows has failed. SOLO.

Judge Moore.

Governor O'Ferrall last Friday received and accepted resignation of Hon. C. F. Moore; judge of the County Courts of Alleghany and Craig. Judge Moore, who is still a young man, was once a Methodist preacher. He gave up the ministry for law and incidentally was an editor. Less than a year ago he was made a judge. Now he proposes to return to the church. It is said that when the judge was first engaged in the ministry he had a church in Texas and having trouble of the heart, his physician thought the excitement of preaching would endanger his life; therefore, he was advised to give up the ministry. Judge Moore presided at the trial of Capt. Goodman, charged with the murder of Col. H. C. Parsons.—*Stanton Spectator*.

The December term of the county court of Alleghany, will open its session in Covington next Tuesday, December 4th, 1894. Those having business before this tribunal or with others likely to be present will be posted by this notice and be present. This will be the last session of this tribune over which Judge Moore will preside. His resignation has been sent in to the Governor, and accepted by him to take effect December 31st, 1894.—*Clifton Forge Review*.

The New Jail.

Superintendent Mullenax shows us over the new jail the other day. In the men's department are eight cells within a steel cage. The cells are in two stories and the whole is as a house within a house. Around the whole is a passage way from which all the cells may be locked by means of levers. There are two corridors in each of which four cells open. The cells fitted up for female prisoners are not made so strongly. The jail is up to date in every way, and outside of the court-house is the handsomest building in Marlinton.

Almost a Conflagration

Last Sunday evening at about 1:30 o'clock the north wing of C. P. Dorr's residence was discovered to be on fire. The flames were just beginning to burst through the roof when more than one hundred people responded to the call for help. After more than half an hour's hard work the fire was extinguished. It started in a closet in the room occupied by Contractor Gunther on the second floor. All the plans for the new court house were in this room, but fortunately were gotten out in good time. A rock had become loose in the chimney and fell out, letting the fire into the closet.

Eli Cogar occupied the first story, and his household goods were broken up and damaged by water to a great extent.

Mr. Dorr's loss will be from \$200 to \$300, with insurance. That part of his house was almost totally destroyed.—*Webster Echo*.

The Droop Blast.

Editor Pocahontas Times:—It has been quite a while since the last blast went off on the Droop; I will attempt just now to set your ears ringing again with another.

Rev. Morgan preached an excellent sermon, on Sunday, December 2nd at Mt. Olive.

The writer saw the officers a few days since, crossing the Droop with Andrew Kellison, the burglar who robbed E. E. Overholt & Son's store some time ago; he was held securely, and was wearing a pair of steel bracelets.

The Droop Top school will close the 14th inst, the teacher anticipates a pleasant time. There will be a selection of declamations, dialogues, and compositions, the whole being a display of choice erudition.

Times seem to be reviving in this locality and money seems to be in a moving condition. "There's a better time 'er kumin' boy's," and man can get 'possum, taters, boe-termilk for dinner now.

This is a saying of an old chum, and he is as good at guessing as old Shep is on a poon track.

Hunting seems to be the leading pastime of the boys in this vicinity at present, although there is nothing to hunt, except a few skunks.

If this escapes the waste basket, you may listen for another blast. I am yours as ever, I hope.

MUX.

Green Bank.

We are having fine weather at time. No snow yet.

Mr. Jack Flenner, of Traveler's Repose, was in town Monday.

Mr. Harvey Curry is on the sick list.

The Fourth Quarterly meeting for the Green Bank Circuit will be held on the third Saturday and Sunday in December at this place. Preaching by Rev. W. G. Hammond, P. E., on Saturday at 11 o'clock and also on Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Rev. C. L. Potter, assisted by Rev. E. F. Alexander, conducted very able services on Thanksgiving Day at Liberty Church.

Master Joe Wooddeh, who has been sick for some days, is convalescing.

Mr. James Patterson, of Marlinton, was in town last Saturday, we suppose on his way to see his best girl.

Messrs. C. A. Lightner and Henry Wooddeh killed a fine buck one day last week. It was crossing near Mr. Lightner's.

Mr. Jesse Warwick and brothers killed a fine deer in their yard last Saturday. OLD HICKORY.

The tainted Breckenridge's proposed lecture tour has already encountered a stumbling block. Madeline and a sheriff have their eyes on the prospective box receipts.

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